

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

James Rudolf MEYER et al. Group Art Unit: 1743

Application No.: 10/643,926 Examiner: B. GORDON

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ASSAY DEVICE PROCESSING INSTRUMENT For:

> LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired December 27, 2006, an extension of time for a period of <u>1</u> month is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. <u>188835</u> in the amount of \$<u>120</u> in payment for:

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